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ABSTRACT

This book examines the life of Ella Baker, the civil rights worker who was a key figure in the formation of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), and other civil rights organizations. The biography, which is aimed at young readers aged 10 and older, recounts the history of the civil rights movement from the 1930s to the 1950s, highlighting the story of a woman whose contributions to the struggle for African American rights were greater than any fame she achieved. The book opens with an introduction by Andrew Young, which is followed by a timeline representing the history of the civil rights movement. The biography describes some of the following phases of Ella Baker's life: (1) organizing for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the American South in the 1930s; (2) directorhood of NAACP branches nationwide in the 1940s; (3) involvement in New York City school integration in the 1950s; (4) organizing Freedom Rides and voter registration drives in the 1960s; and (5) participation in the fight against apartheid in the 1970s. The book includes a chronology of events in the life of Ella Baker, suggested further reading, and a list of sources. (AF)

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